



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Health Services

At its meeting held August 26, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on proposed billing rate adjustments which include the following, to comply with various State and Federal program billing requirements and maximize Medicare, Breast Cancer Early Detection (BCED) Program and Family Planning Access Care Treatment (PACT) Program reimbursement, to be effective September 1, 2003 (All Districts); also delegate authority to the Director of Health Services to set and charge rates, at amounts equal to costs, for drugs and supplies which are required by the Family PACT Program or any other Federal or State program to be billed at cost:

Increase in State and Federal Program services requiring itemized billing by 7%

Increase in hospital outpatient psychiatric services at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center by 20%

Increase in Breast Cancer Early Detection Program by 31%

Increase in Family Planning Access Care Treatment Program by 8%

Establish rates for pharmaceutical dispensing/handling fees for hospitals

Establish rates for the Ambulatory Surgical Center and Primary Care/Clinic services at the new High Desert Health Systems

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Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. No Interested persons addressed the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Approved the billing rate adjustments, effective September 1, 2003;
2. Approved the billing rates for the Ambulatory Surgical Center and Primary Care/Community Clinic services at the new High Desert Health Systems (formerly High Desert Hospital); and
3. Delegated limited authority to the Director of Health Services to set and charge rates at amounts equal to cost for drugs and supplies which are required by the Family Planning Access Care and Treatment (Family PACT) Program or any other Federal or State Program to be billed at cost.

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Attachment

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